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Title : **SURGICAL INSTRUMENT HAVING A HAVING A FASTENER  
DELIVERY MECHANISM**

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page    of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page   2   of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page   6   of this paper.